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Dear Jim,

Your great kindness could not have come at a more opportune time! I certainly appreciate it.

Lesar borrowed the money with which to pay the printer. All other expenses we have managed to meet between us, although neither of us has an regular income. So, the gross revenue is being applied to the debt. And my wife was, at the moment your letter came, going over our mailing list preparatory to sending a flyer out. Now we can get the stamps without holding back from the bank!

We have to file our rebuttal to the State's (inconceivably dishonest) Memorandum in the <sup>Ray</sup> case in two days. I had just finished typing about 15,000 word to give to Jim tomorrow on it when you so pleasantly surprised me. So I have laid reading and correcting it aside long enough to write Lott and Gonzalez, carbons enclosed. Because I must rush back to it my typing is worse than usual.

If you saw the story in other than the WxPost I'd appreciate a file copy. It did receive a heavy play elsewhere. AP and UPI also carried decent stories.

There are other Judiciary committee members whose personal beliefs will be favorable to an inquiry, but this need not forecast the positions they may take. I have been in communication with a number.

Garrison is a genuine tragedy. I had seen a very short story that reported he received only \$10,000 in settlement. I'm glad it was 10 times that much. And I am certain that he will not remember more than \$1,000 of my expenses he never paid back. He wouldn't in the past when it was possible so I surely don't expect it from his personal funds.

I hope you can afford your kindness. It sure helps here!

If anything of consequence eventuates with either Lott or Gonzalez I'll let you know.

Hope you have a good holiday. Thanks for improving ours!

Best,